GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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MSP for Tobacco
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that MSP for tobacco has not been announced after 2008-09, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether tobacco farmers have been demanding MSP for tobacco like other crops; and

(c) if so, whether the Government is considering to fix the MSP for tobacco, if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) had been recommending Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Tobacco every year and the Department of Commerce had been fixing and notifying the MSP. Department of Commerce, has not fixed the MSP of Tobacco since 2008-09, as the average price realized by farmers, taking all grades of tobacco together, was much higher than the cost of cultivation and hence need to fix MSP for tobacco had not been felt.

(b) & (c): Government has not received any communication from tobacco farmers seeking MSP.

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